

265—44.2 (16) Definitions.

“*Act*” means Iowa Code chapter 16.

“*Agricultural asset*” means agricultural land, agricultural improvements, depreciable agricultural property, crops or livestock used for farming purposes.

“*Agricultural asset transfer agreement*” means any commonly accepted written agreement which specifies the terms of the transfer of operation of the agricultural asset. The agreement may be made on a cash basis or a commodity share basis.

“*Agricultural improvements*” means any improvements, buildings, structures or fixtures suitable for use in farming which are located on agricultural land. “Agricultural improvements” includes a single-family dwelling located on agricultural land which is or will be occupied by the beginning farmer and structures attached to or incidental to the use of the dwelling.

“*Agricultural land*” means land suitable for use in farming and which is or will be operated as a farm.

“*Application*” means a completed instrument on a form approved by IADD.

“*BFCF*” means beginning farmer custom farming tax credit program.

“*BFCF eligible applicant*” means an individual, partnership, family farm corporation or family farm limited liability company that has a net worth of not more than the maximum allowable net worth. The applicant must also satisfy all of the criteria contained in Iowa Code sections 16.79 and 16.81 and the provisions of these rules relating to recipient eligibility as they relate to who operates or will operate a farm.

“*BFLP*” means beginning farmer loan program.

“*BFLP eligible applicant*” means an individual who has a net worth of not more than the maximum allowable net worth. The applicant must also be a beginning farmer, as defined in Iowa Code section 16.75, who satisfies all of the criteria contained in the Act and provisions of these rules relating to recipient eligibility as they relate to who operates or will operate a farm.

“*BFTC*” means beginning farmer tax credit program.

“*BFTC eligible applicant*” means an individual, partnership, family farm corporation or family farm limited liability company that has a net worth of not more than the maximum allowable net worth. The applicant must also satisfy all of the criteria contained in Iowa Code sections 16.79 and 16.80 and the provisions of these rules relating to recipient eligibility as they relate to who operates or will operate a farm.

“*Bond purchaser*” means any lender or any person, as defined in Iowa Code section 4.1(20), who purchases an authority bond under the individual agricultural development bond program.

“*Cash basis agreement*” means an agreement whereby operation of the agricultural asset is transferred via a fixed cash payment per annum.

“*Commodity share basis*” means an agreement whereby operation of the agricultural asset is transferred via a risk-sharing mechanism, whereby the agricultural asset owner receives a portion of the production and payment for use of the agricultural asset.

“*Custom farming contract*” means any commonly accepted written contract which specifies the terms of the work to be performed by the beginning farmer for an Iowa landowner or tenant or livestock owner. The contract must provide for the production of crops or livestock located on agricultural land. The taxpayer will pay the BFCF eligible applicant on a cash basis, and the total amount paid must equal at least \$1,000. The contract must be in writing for a term of not more than 12 months. A contract is not allowed if the taxpayer and BFCF eligible applicant are: persons who hold a legal or equitable interest in the same agricultural land or livestock; related family members, such as spouse, child, stepchild, brother, or sister; or partners in the same partnership which holds a legal or equitable interest.

“*Farm*” means a farming enterprise which is generally recognized as a farm rather than a rural residence.

“*Farming*” means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, the raising of poultry, the production of eggs, the production of milk, the production of fruit or other horticultural crops, grazing, the production of livestock, aquaculture, hydroponics, the production of forest products, or other activities designated by the authority.

“*IADD*” means the Iowa agricultural development division of the Iowa finance authority.

“*Lender*” means any regulated bank, trust company, bank holding company, mortgage company, national banking association, savings and loan association, life insurance company, state or federal governmental agency or instrumentality, or other financial institution or entity authorized and able to make mortgage loans or secured loans in this state.

“*Low-income farmer*” means a farmer who cannot obtain financing to purchase agricultural property without the assistance of an LPP loan with the authority.

“*LPP*” means loan participation program.

“*LPP eligible applicant*” means an individual who has a net worth of not more than the maximum allowable net worth. The applicant must be a low-income farmer who satisfies all of the criteria contained in the Act and the provisions of these rules relating to recipient eligibility as they relate to who operates or will operate a farm.

“*LPP loan*” means the “last-in/last-out” loan participation requested by the lender from the authority.

“*Maximum allowable net worth*” for calendar year 2013 is \$691,172. The maximum allowable net worth for each calendar year shall be increased or decreased as of January 1 of such calendar year by an amount equal to the percentage increase or decrease (September to September) in the United States Department of Agriculture “Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates” reported as of October 1 of the immediately preceding calendar year.

“*Net worth*” means total assets minus total liabilities as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles with appropriate exceptions and exemptions reasonably related to an equitable determination of the net worth of the individual, partnership, limited liability company or corporation. Assets shall be valued at fair market value.

“*Participated loan*” means a loan, any portion of which is participated to the authority by the lender.

“Projected gross income” means the total of all nonfarm income plus gross farm revenues which include revenue from cash sales, inventory and receivable charges, crops, livestock products, government program payments, and other farm income received by the borrower during the next calendar year.

“Term debt coverage ratio” means the total of net farm income from operations plus total nonfarm income plus depreciation/amortization expense plus interest on term debt plus interest on capital leases minus total income tax expense minus withdrawals for family living multiplied by 100 and divided by the sum of annual scheduled principal and interest payments on term debt and the annual scheduled principal and interest payments on capital leases. The ratio provides a measure of the ability of the borrower to cover all term debt and capital lease payments. The greater the ratio over 100 percent, the greater the margin to cover the payments.

“Total assets” means all assets including but not limited to cash, crops or feed on hand, livestock held for sale, breeding stock, marketable bonds and securities, securities not readily marketable, accounts receivable, notes receivable, cash invested in growing crops, net cash value of life insurance, machinery, equipment, cars, trucks, farm and other real estate including life estates and personal residence, value of beneficial interest in a trust, government payments or grants, and any other assets.

“Total assets” shall not include items used for personal, family or household purposes by the applicant; but in no event shall any property be excluded, to the extent a deduction for depreciation is allowable for federal income tax purposes. All assets shall be valued at fair market value by the lender. The value shall be what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in the locality. A deduction of 10 percent may be made from fair market value of farm and other real estate.

“Total liabilities” means all liabilities including but not limited to accounts payable, notes or other indebtedness owed, taxes, rent, amount owed on any real estate contract or real estate mortgage, judgments, accrued interest payable, and any other liabilities. Liabilities shall be determined on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles.

In only those cases where the liabilities include an amount for deferred tax liability that causes the applicant’s net worth to change from exceeding the maximum allowable net worth to an amount no greater than the maximum allowable net worth, the applicant is required to have a certified public accountant prepare the financial statement and provide supporting calculations and documentation acceptable to the board.

“Veteran” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1.

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